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From: Lisa DeVille

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Subject: Re: FW: [epa-ej] Today's EPA Stakeholder Teleconference on EJ Activities in Flint, Michigan

Multiple groups join pipeline opposition

- [LAUREN DONOVAN Bismarck Tribune](#)
- 18 hrs ago

A broad, multistate coalition of tribes, landowners and environmental groups has joined in support of a legal challenge to the Dakota Access Pipeline's easements to cross the Missouri River in North Dakota.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers approved the water easements July 26, sparking a federal court challenge led by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, asking for an injunction while the court examines whether the corps failed to conduct a full environmental impact statement and conduct proper tribal consultations.

The 1,100-mile pipeline set to carry Bakken crude to Illinois will be bored under the Missouri River/Lake Oahe within a half-mile of the reservation boundary south of Mandan. Construction is underway.

Joye Braun, an organizer with the Indigenous Environmental Network, says the corps' rubber-stamp approach to the easement undermines the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act, along with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The Standing Rock group's position is now supported by Bold Alliance of Nebraska, Oklahoma and Louisiana, Honor the Earth, Modern Day Warriors, Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights, 100 Grannies for a Livable Future, Dakota Rural Action, Science and Environmental Health Network, Women's Congress for Future Generations, Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, Rainforest Action Network, Environmental Action, Food and Water Watch, and Daily Kos.

Lisa DeVille, member of the Fort Berthold Protectors, says the pipeline's crossing upstream of that reservation and downstream of Standing Rock represents an act of oppression by the government and was approved by the tribal council without input from

tribal members.

"This pipeline could have been rerouted, but, as usual, communities of people of color are always first for sacrifice," DeVille said.

Sierra Club members joined the opposition out of awareness that all pipelines eventually leak; it's just a matter of when, said Wayne Schafer, head of the club's Dakota Chapter.

"Generally, we think we should be moving away from fossil fuels and toward renewables," he said. "This affects their sacred land and the water."

Braun said the corps ignored letters from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Interior Department and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation requesting a full-blown EIS, rather than a less rigorous Environmental Assessment.

A spirit camp at Cannon Ball, on the reservation, will be occupied by protesters and supporters while the opposition continues.

http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/multiple-groups-join-pipeline-opposition/article_a32fc5f4-e6db-5df6-9048-ec75d02386c1.html

On Thu, Mar 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM, Tejada, Matthew <Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear NEJAC members,

As promised but later than hoped for, please find attached the transcript of the call by the Administrator and other EPA leaders two weeks ago on Flint. Please note, to open the document you must use the passcode Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Best,

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